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FOLLOWING ALGIERS 0933 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BAGHDAD
DAMASCUS KUWAIT NOUAKCHOTT RABAT TRIPOLI USUN APR 12;
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SUBJECT: BLACK AMERICAN DELEGATION VISITS ALGIERS

REF: (A) ALGIERS 781 (NOTAL) (B) ALGIERS 783 (NOTAL) (C)
STATE 073546

1. DELEGATION OF FIVE AMERICANS, APPARENTLY TRAVELLING UNDER
AUSPICES OF INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN
WASHINGTON ON TRIP ORGANIZED BY ARAB LEAGUE, VISITED ALGERIA
FROM APRIL 7-10 AT INVITATION OF ALGERIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
MOHAMED KELLOU, CHAIRMAN OF ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE (AND AMB TO COMMUNIST CHINA) HOSTED GROUP'S
VISIT.

2. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WERE:

C. J. MCLIN, JR., MEMBER OF OHIO STATE LEGISLATURE

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HANNAH ATKINS, MEMBER OF OKLAHOMA STATE LEGISLATURE.

DR. ARCHIE HARGRAVES, PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTE OF
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF
SHAW UNIVERSITY.

DR. FRAN WOMACK, VICE PRESIDENT, INSTITUTE OF
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

DR. URABI MUSTAFA, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL

STUDIES PROGRAM, SHAW UNIVERSITY.

WE INFORMED THAT CONGRESSMEN STOKES, DELLUMS, AND CONYERS ALL CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE, LEAVING GROUP AT LOWER LEVEL THAN ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED.

3. DR. HARGRAVES TOLD EMBOFF WHO WAS AT AIRPORT UPON DELEGATION ARRIVAL PER STATE 073546 THAT VISIT TOOK PLACE IN CONTEXT OF INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'S DESIRE TO ENLARGE BLACK AMERICA'S VIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS.

4. DURING ALGERIA STAY GROUP WENT TO CHARDAIA IN CENTRAL ALGERIA FOR SIXTH ARTISANAL FAIR AND MET WITH COMMERCE MINISTER YAKER WHO PRESIDED OVER EVENT.

5. GROUP ALSO HAD MEETING WITH POLISARIO DELEGATION, INCLUDING SAHRAOUI REPUBLIC FOREIGN MINISTER HAKIM IBRAHIM, APRIL 9. HANNAH ATKINS QUOTED IN PRESS AS EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR SAHRAOUI PEOPLE'S PLIGHT, OPPOSING AGGRESSION BY ONE PEOPLE AGAINST ANOTHER, AND NOTING THAT DELEGATION'S PRESENCE IN ALGERIA SYMBOLIZED THIS OPPOSITION SINCE SAHRAOUI'S VICTIM OF AGGRESSION. ATKINS ALSO REFERRED TO LACK OF INFORMATION ON SAHRAOUI CAUSE IN US AND ATTRIBUTED THIS, IN PART, TO AMERICAN PRESS WHICH, "THOUGH HAVING REPUTATION OF BEING FREE, IS IN FACT CONTROLLED."

6. AS INSTRUCTED STATE REFTEL, EMBOFF OFFERED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE, IF IT NEEDED, TO GROUP, STAYED OUT OF SCHEDULING AND ATTENDED NO EVENTS IN WHICH GROUP PARTICIPATED.
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GROUP NEVER CALLED ON EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE AND EMBASSY HAD NO CONTACT WITH GROUP AFTER ITS AIRPORT ARRIVAL. LYNE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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